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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard FÜHRER
Serial no. :
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Docket : ZAHFRI P707US

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. The Applicant respectfully requests deferment of formal entry of such drawing amendments until such time as the Examiner approves the requested drawing amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 002-005, 010, 011, 018, 019 and 023 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-6, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 7-13 as follows.